

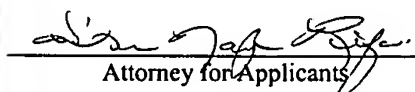
REMARKS

Claims 1–67 are pending in the application. Claims 1–67 stand rejected. Claims 1, 16, 19-23, 33, 34, 44, 45, and 55-58 have been amended. Support for these amendments is provided on page 13, line 17 through page 14, line 4 of the originally-filed specification, *inter alia*. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5086.

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